

REMARKS

Claims 12, 17, 18, and 20-25 are pending in the application. Claims 1-11, 13-16, and 19 were previously canceled. Claims 12, 17, 18, and 20-23 have been allowed. Claim 24 has been amended.

As discussed below, the present amendment now places all of the pending claims in the application in condition for allowance.

ALLOWED CLAIMS

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging that claims 12, 17, 18, and 20-23 are allowable in their present form.

REJECTED CLAIMS


In the Office Action, claims 24-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 24 has been amended. In rewritten form, claim 24 is now dependent from allowed claim 21, and is therefore allowable. Claim 25 depends directly from claim 24 and is likewise allowable. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

For the foregoing reasons Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims pending in the application are now in condition for allowance. Consequently, Applicants respectfully request that Examiner withdraw all of the rejections and allow the application to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is thought that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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